

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A cushioned fastener system for an article of apparel comprising:
a first portion; and
a second portion adapted to interconnect with said first portion to secure the article of apparel to a wearer;
wherein one of said first portion and said second portion is a cushion structure having at least one insert; said cushion structure having a first body-contacting layer and a second layer; said first layer being more stretchable than said second layer.
2. (previously presented) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said first portion and said second portion are each secured to a different one of a pair of side panels of a brassiere.
3. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 2, wherein said cushion structure is fixedly secured to said one of said pair of side panels.
4. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 2, wherein said cushion structure is releasably secured to said one of said pair of side panels.
5. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said cushion structure is a pouch.
6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).
8. (currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein said first layer is selected from the group consisting of mono-filament material, multi-filament material, and any combinations thereof.
9. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 8, wherein said first layer comprises polyester, microfiber, cotton, nylon, spandex, power mesh, and any combinations thereof.
10. (currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein said second layer is selected from the group consisting of mono-filament material, multi-filament material and any combinations thereof.
11. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 10, wherein said second layer comprises polyester, microfiber, cotton nylon, spandex, power mesh and any combinations thereof.
12. (currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1 ~~6~~ wherein said first layer is microfiber spandex.
13. (Currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein said second layer is microfiber spandex.

14. (Currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1 6, wherein said first layer has a first free-end and said second layer has a second free-end.
15. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14, wherein said first free-end and said second free-end are mutually connectable.
16. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14, wherein said first and second free-ends are fixedly connected.
17. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 14, wherein said first and said second free-ends are releasably connected.
18. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 5, wherein said insert is adhesively connected to said pouch.
19. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said insert comprises a film that encases a cushioning substance.
20. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19, wherein said film further comprises a border therearound.
21. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19, wherein said cushioning substance is selected from a groups consisting of gel, foam, cotton batting,

fiber fill, water, silicone, and any combinations thereof.

22. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 19, wherein said cushioning substance is silicone gel.
23. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 5, wherein said at least one insert is removably connected to said pouch.
24. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 1, wherein said cushion structure has two inserts.
25. (currently amended) A cushioned fastener system for an article of apparel comprising:
a first portion; and
a second portion adapted to interconnect with said first portion to secure the article of apparel to a wearer;
wherein one of said first portion and said second portion is a pouch, adapted to contact a body, containing an insert capable of reducing pressure against the body and enhancing conformability to the body.
26. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said pouch comprises a first layer having a first free-end and a second layer having a second free-end.

27. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26, wherein said free-ends are mutually connectable.
28. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26, wherein said free-ends are releasably connected.
29. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 26, wherein said free-ends are fixedly connected.
30. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said insert comprises a film that encases a cushioning substance.
31. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30, wherein said film further has a border therearound.
32. (currently amended) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30, wherein said cushioning substance is selected from the group consisting of ~~comprises~~ gel, foam, cotton batting, fiber fill, water, silicone and any combinations thereof.
33. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 30, wherein said cushioning substance is silicone gel.
34. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said pouch is fixedly secured to said article of apparel.

35. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said pouch is removably secured to said article of apparel.
36. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said insert is adhesively connected to said pouch.
37. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said insert is removably connected to said pouch.
38. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said cushion structure has two inserts.
39. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said article of apparel is an undergarment.
40. (original) The cushioned fastener system according to claim 25, wherein said article of apparel is a brassiere.